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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 09/13/2006**

In response to the Office Action mailed September 13, 2006, please accept the following:

- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.